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GENEVA FOR LOS DELEGATION, AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PLOS, TGEN, TOCY, UR, US

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF THE WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT

1. DECISION HAS BEEN MADE THAT US WILL AGREE TO RENEWAL OF
THE BILATERAL WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT FOR A THREE YEAR
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PERIOD ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WILL BE NO NEW
PROJECTS (AND MAY BE SOME CONTRACTION) UNLESS THE SOVIETS
IMPROVE PERFORMANCE AND UNLESS THEIR LOS MARINE RESEARCH
POSITION IS CHANGED. FORMAL AGREEMENT WOULD BE BY EXCHANGE
OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES AFTER WE HAVE A REPORT FROM THE CURRENT
LOS SESSION AND AFTER SOVIETS RESPOND TO US PROPOSALS ON
AGREEMENT PERFORMANCE, WHICH IT IS ANTICIPATED WILL BE

TABLED AT THE NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (AND/OR BETWEEN EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES). INTERNALLY, US SIDE WILL ALSO DEVELOP WRITTEN GUIDELINES TO FORMALIZE SECURITY REVIEW PROCEDURES.

2. US CHAIRMAN FRANK IS PREPARING LETTER TO SIDORENKO (REF SEE MOSCOW 5351) STATING US IS PREPARED TO MEET AND SUGGESTING POSSIBLE DATES FOR US SIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN MOSCOW JCM. LETTER WILL INDICATE THAT IN VIEW OF DELAYS FRANK REGRETS WEEK OF MAY 22 NOT FEASIBLE FOR US SIDE; ALTERNATIVES STILL UNDER DISCUSSION HERE. LETTER WILL PROBABLY ALSO INVITE SOVIET EXECUTIVE SECRETARY METALNIKOV TO US IF HE CAN STILL

COME FOR PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS. WHEN APPROVED, TEXT WILL BE CABLED TO MOSCOW FOR DELIVERY TO SOVIETS.

3. IF SOVIETS ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR EARLY JUNE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, WE WOULD FORESEE THAT US SIDE ADVISES SOVIETS AT MEETING OF US RENEWAL POSITION IN PRINCIPLE. FORMAL EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES WOULD FOLLOW EITHER HERE OR IN MOSCOW. US NOTE WOULD PROPOSE THAT AGREEMENT BE CONSIDERED EXTENDED FOR THREE YEAR PERIOD WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN EXISTING TEXT. TONE OF US APPROACH IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AND ANY NEGOTIATING SESSIONS ON NOTES OF COURSE BE AFFECTED BY RESULT OF LOS SESSION, PER PARA 1 ABOVE. (IF SOVIETS POSTPONE MEETING PAST JUNE 19, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE WOULD EXPECT TO NEGOTIATE EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH PARTICIPATION OF AGREEMENT SECRETARIES AND EMBASSY.)

4. FOR LOS DEL GENEVA: YOU MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP ANY EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS (REF STATE 105040, GENEVA 5278, STATE 99975, MOSCOW 6840, MOSCOW 6219) TO EMPHASIZE SERIOUSNESS OF US CONCERN THAT REASONABLE LIBERAL, FLEXIBLE AND PREDICTABLE CONSENT REGIME BE ACHIEVED FOR MARINE RESEARCH. IN LIGHT OF GENEVA 6563 AND MOSCOW 9725 DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE ON SOVIET ACTIONS OR ATTITUDES ON THE ISSUE. PLEASE PROVIDE IN PARTICULAR ADVICE ON CONTENT OF APPROACHES TO SOVIETS AT THIS TIME TO EXERT DESIRED LEVERAGE ON SOVIET MSR POSITION. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE LEARNING WHETHER METALNIKOV HAS RETURNED TO MOSCOW OR WHEN HE PLANS TO DO SO, IF INFORMATION CAN BE CONVENIENTLY OBTAINED.

5. FOR MOSCOW: WE WILL BE PROVIDING FRANK SIDORENKO LETTER SOONEST AND MAY HAVE FURTHER GUIDANCE THEN. IF WHEN DELIVERING LETTER YOU ARE PRESSED BY SOVIETS FOR EXPLICIT STATEMENT ON RENEWAL INTENTIONS YOU SHOULD SAY US WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS FUTURE ACTIVITIES AT JOINT COMMITTEE

AND WILL BE COMMUNICATING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS SOON. SUBJECT TO ANY VIEW AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON MAY WISH TO SUBMIT, YOU MAY STRESS TO SOVIETS THAT US CONTINUES TO WATCH MARINE RESEARCH ISSUE CLOSELY AND OUTCOME OF CURRENT SESSION WILL BE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN US CONSIDERATIONS OF WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT ACTIVITIES. WE PLAN TO PROVIDE COURTESY COPY OF LETTER TO SOVIET EMBASSY HERE AND WILL MAKE SIMILAR POINTS AS APPROPRIATE.

6. FOR MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD: FOR BACKGROUND, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT DECISION HAS ALSO BEEN MADE ON TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT, APPROVING RENEWAL FOR TWO YEAR PERIOD. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON THIS TOPIC. CHRISTOPHER

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